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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Troy Richardson (Dolton-Thornridge), 6-1 senior guard for Eastern Illinois University's basketball team, set school records and led the Mid-Continent with 197 assists (6.6 p/game) and 80 steals (2.7 p/game).

He was chosen the team's Honorary Tri-Captain, the second straight year he has shared that award, and was the only player in the conference to lead the league in two statistical categories.

Starting all 30 games, he also averaged 9.2 points and was in double figures 14 times. He shot an even 50% from the field, 70.7% from the free throw line and averaged 3.7 rebounds, an above average figure for a 6-1 guard.

"Troy probably didn't get the conference recognition he deserved considering how much he contributed to our success," said coach Rick Samuels. "He was one cog that definitely would have been missed considering he did everything you want from a point guard . . . running the offense, great passer, all-around gutty play.

"He not only set records in assists and steals but almost averages in double figures. His play down the stretch when he refused to let us lost illustrates how tough a competitor he was," Samuels said.

Eastern finished with a 20-10 record, a significant achievement in that it's only the fourth year the Panthers have been a NCAA Division I team. EIU concluded the year with a Mid-Continent tournament championship by defeating Southwest Missouri, 75-64, in the title game.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>G(GS)</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>FG%</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>FT%</u>	<u>REB</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
1984	28(16)	108	224	.482	38	52	.731	72	254	9.1
1985	30(30)	111	222	.500	53	75	.707	110	275	9.2
Career	58(46)	219	446	.491	91	127	.716	182	529	9.1